

St Blasius  
Shanklin C of E Primary  
Academy



NEWSLETTER NO. 29 - 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014

Dear Parents

My first two weeks have flown by. In between the paper work and visiting classes to see the children at work, it has been good to meet a number of parents. Again, please feel free to come and talk if you have any concerns, any good ideas or, want to see how the School is moving forward.

On Wednesday we had a visit from Mr Wharton and Mrs Owen from the Diocesan Trust. Along with a tour of the classrooms they joined Mr Fox (Chair of Governors) and myself to go through all the plans for next year. It is always useful to get an outside view, and our discussions were fruitful. They were pleased with what they saw and were able to offer further support in helping us achieve the goals set.

It was great to see so many parents/grandparents at the family breakfast last Friday, around 80 people in all. A big thank you to Mrs Williams and Mrs Bolt for serving up a delicious breakfast. If you missed the event I really would recommend it next time – the only person I have not mentioned how good it was to is Mrs Stephens, who thinks I had Cornflakes instead of a Full English!

Mark Stephens  
Principal



### **Parking Issues**

We have had a number of complaints from residents about cars parking across their drive way making it impossible for them to get out.

Everyone is aware of the limitations of Garfield Road, but we would ask that you **please** be considerate when dropping off and picking up your child/children at the beginning and end of the school day, both for the safety of the children and out of respect for the residents.

Parking permits called 'School Park and Stride Parking Permit' which allows **free** parking in Orchardleigh Road car park between 8.30 to 9.10am and 2.45 to 3.15pm are available. A copy is attached to this newsletter and is also available from the School Office.

### Head lice/Nits

Once again we have head lice/nits in school. The only way to prevent the spread is to check your child's hair on a regular basis and deal with any eggs or lice immediately. Your co-operation in dealing with head lice is essential.

The recommended way to deal with them is the 'wet combing' method. More information can be found at [www.chc.org/bugbusting](http://www.chc.org/bugbusting)

### Bicycles

There has been a recent increase in the number of children riding a bicycle to school. Due to the amount of storage space available, it is only children in Year 5 and 6 who are permitted to bring bicycles to school.

### Attendance

Whole School attendance from 1<sup>st</sup> September: 95.6 % =

Individual Year Group attendance for the week ending 25<sup>th</sup> April.

= : same as last week ↑: higher than last week ↓: lower than last week
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**Congratulations to Year 4 and Year 6, with joint best attendance with 100%**

**WELL DONE YEAR 4 AND YEAR 6!**

### Menu - week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> May

(Please note all menus are subject to change)

Monday: BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday: BBQ chicken and rice, cheese and tomato pizza with half a jacket potato, light crunchy coleslaw, garden peas, mixed salad. Fruit in jelly

Wednesday: Roast beef or quorn roast with crispy roast or new potatoes and gravy, carrots, cabbage, apple, cucumber and celery. Chocolate Marble Sponge with chocolate sauce

Thursday: Beef and mushroom pie with mashed potato, Italian cheese and tomato risotto, broccoli, seasonal vegetables, cucumber and tomato. Fruit flapjack with custard

Friday: Crispy battered fish with chips, garden peas, baked beans, tomato and cucumber salsa. Peach and pineapple salad with ice cream

### Important Dates for 2014

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014 - May Day Holiday - School closed

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 - Year 5 to Sandown Bay Academy for Multi-Sports Event

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 - Phil the Bag to be returned

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 - Year 2 and Year 6 SATs

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014 - Family Breakfast

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014 - Mufti Day, Items for the Summer Fete Tombola - more details to follow

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014 - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June Spring Half Term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 - Whole school photos

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Year 6 to Shorefield

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Baylink Games

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2014 - Year 6 Transition day

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Staff development day - school closed to children - CHANGE OF DATE from 27/6

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Sports Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Family Breakfast

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Summer Fete

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2014 - Year 6 Transition day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014 - Family Breakfast

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 - last day of summer term 2014 (Change of Date)

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 - Development Day

## PARKING PERMIT

<b>DESIGNATED CAR PARK</b>	<b>Orchardleigh Road</b>
<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>St Blasius Shanklin C E Primary Academy</b>
<b>VALID TIMES a.m.</b>	<b>8.30 am to 9.10am</b>
<b>VALID TIMES p.m.</b>	<b>2.45 pm to 3.15 pm</b>
<b>VALID DURING TERM TIMES ONLY AND UNTIL END OF JULY</b>	<b>2014</b>

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Isle of Wight Council  
School Park & Stride  
Parking Permit

- This permit must be displayed on the front nearside windscreen
- The permit is only valid for the car park designated above, and for the times stated
- It is not valid during school holidays
- Having a permit does not guarantee a parking space
- Please do not park in the coach park
- Should you wish to continue parking in the space, please purchase an appropriate ticket
- Failure to park correctly or abide by the parking regulations set out could result in a penalty charge being issued

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The Isle of Wight Council is helping schools to promote walking to school by providing free parking, at designated times and places, through this Park & Stride scheme. Parents of younger children are encouraged to walk to school with their child. Parents of older children may encourage their child to walk independently.

The scheme is administered by schools, with the agreement of the Parking Services section of the Isle of Wight Council.